

U.S. Department of Justice

United States Attorney for the District of Colorado

Troy A. Eid



On August 11, 2006, Troy A. Eid was sworn in as the United States Attorney for the District of Colorado. He serves as Colorado's chief federal criminal prosecutor and represents the United States in civil cases where the government is a party to a lawsuit.

Nominated by President George W. Bush, Troy was unanimously confirmed by the United States Senate in August 2006. He is Colorado's 41st U.S. Attorney since Abraham Lincoln made the first such presidential appointment for the newly created Colorado Territory in 1861.

Troy's legal practice focused on environmental, natural resources, and federal Indian law. He grew up in Wheat Ridge, Colorado and graduated from Stanford University and the University of Chicago Law School. Before taking office as U.S. Attorney, he was a partner in the Denver branch of one of the world's largest law firms. Earlier in his career, Troy was general counsel and chief operating officer of an Internet technology research consortium and directed engineering teams in North America, Europe and Asia. He is a member of the American Law Institute and admitted to practice law in Colorado and the Navajo Nation.

Troy's past public service includes all three branches of the federal government. He was a Law Clerk to the Honorable Edith H. Jones, Chief Judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit; a Special Assistant to the Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission under President Ronald Reagan; and a Congressional Aide for law enforcement and the federal judiciary.

Colorado Governor Bill Owens appointed Troy as his Chief Legal Counsel in 1999, where Troy oversaw the appointment of 34 state judges and served on the commission that reviewed the mass shootings at Columbine High School. Troy went on to serve in Governor Owens' cabinet as the Chief Administrative Officer for Colorado's \$13 billion state government. He was responsible for 60,000 state employees and for leading the State Controller's Office, Insurance and Risk Management, Human Resources, Procurement, Real Estate, Information Technology, Telecommunications and Public Safety Radio, Central Business Services, and Colorado's Administrative Court system.

The former Chair of the Colorado State Board of Ethics, Troy has been a director of several non-profit organizations, including the Legal Aid Foundation of Colorado, and has served on more than a dozen state boards and commissions. He is the recipient of the *Coloradan of the Year Award* from the Colorado Jaycees, the *Outstanding Government Advocate of the Year Award* from the United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, and the American Marshall Memorial Fellowship from the German Marshall Fund of the United States.

Troy's writings include "Strategic Democracy-Building: How U.S. States Can Help," published by *The Washington Quarterly* magazine and as a chapter in *WINNING HEARTS AND MINDS: USING SOFT POWER TO UNDERMINE TERRORIST NETWORKS* (Massachusetts Institute of Technology Press, 2003). He and his wife Allison, a Justice of the Colorado Supreme Court, have two children.